

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-03-05

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
August 12, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 AM
August 27, 2005

Expiration Date: June 30, 2006
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the August and September antlerless moose seasons in all of Unit 21D and Unit 24. The adjusted seasons in this emergency order are also printed in the 2005-2006 Hunting Regulation Book No. 46.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 84.045(19) AND (22), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are in effect for hunting moose:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Open Season
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Unit 21(D), that portion within the
Koyukuk Controlled Use Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or

Aug. 27-Sept. 20
(Subsistence hunt only)

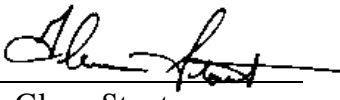
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 320 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 24, that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area; or	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	
1 bull	Dec.1-Dec.10 (Subsistence hunt only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by drawing permit; up to 80 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 24, that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area		Sept. 5-Sept. 25
Remainder of Unit 21(D)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull per regulatory year	Sept. 5-Sept. 25 Dec.1-Dec.10	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side		Sept. 5-Sept. 25
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Unit 24, that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bull by registration permit only; or	Aug. 27-Sept. 20 (Subsistence hunt only)	

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 320 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 21(D), that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area; or	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	
1 bull	Dec. 1-Dec. 10 (Subsistence hunt only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by drawing permit; up to 80 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 21(D), that portion within the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area		Sept. 5-Sept. 25
Unit 24, that portion of the John and Alatna River drainages within the Gates of the Arctic National Park		
1 bull	Aug. 1-Dec. 31	No open season.
Unit 24, that portion of the North Fork of the Koyukuk River drainage within the Gates of the Arctic National Park		
1 bull per regulatory year	Sept. 1-Sept. 25 Dec.1-Dec. 10	No open season.
Unit 24, all drainages to the north of the Koyukuk River upstream from the Henshaw Creek drainage, to and including the North Fork of the Koyukuk River, except that portion of the John River and North Fork of the Koyukuk River drainages within Gates of the Arctic National Park		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
<p>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side</p> <p>Unit 24, all drainages to the north of the Koyukuk River between and including the Alatna River and Henshaw Creek drainages, except that portion of the Alatna River drainage within Gates of the Arctic National Park</p>		Sept. 5-Sept. 25
<p>RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull per regulatory year</p>	Sept. 1-Sept. 25 Dec. 1-Dec. 10	
<p>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side</p> <p>Unit 24, that portion in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area, except that portion in the North Fork of the Koyukuk River drainage</p>		Sept. 5-Sept. 25
<p>RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by drawing permit; up to 70 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 25(A), that portion within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area</p>	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	
<p>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side, by drawing permit only; up to 70 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 25(A), that portion within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area</p>		Sept. 5-Sept. 25
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All other moose hunting regulations in Units 21D and 24 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Glenn Stout
Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Closure of the fall antlerless moose seasons is needed to conserve cows and maximize production of calves. Moose surveys in Game Management Units 21D and 24 from 1998 through 2001 generally indicated poor recruitment of calves and yearlings. The population declined as a result of the poor recruitment throughout Units 21D and 24 in the late 1990's. Recent trend count surveys indicated survival of calves born in 2002 through 2004 has improved. However, in Unit 21D and southern Unit 24, we have not detected an increase in the population estimates despite improved survival of calves. Moose numbers continued to decline in most of northern Unit 24 through 2004. Therefore, conservative management is required. In the spring of 2000, the Department of Fish and Game, along with the Koyukuk River Moose Hunters Working Group, developed a 5-year management plan that established guidelines for managing harvest when conservative measures are necessary. This emergency order follows that plan's approach for reducing antlerless moose hunting opportunities. Local Advisory Committees have been consulted regarding these emergency closures.